

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [page 10, line 18] with the following paragraph:

The deck of cards are shuffled and twelve cards are dealt to each player, starting with a designated first player and placing the remaining cards, face down to establish a draw pile. The dealer removes the top card from the draw pile and places the top card face up to start a discard pile. The designated first player draws a card, either from the draw pile, or from the discard pile and forms a word to be cast. After a first word is cast, the player is permitted to use any of the special function cards. This rule is labeled “passport” which applies to all players during their turn. ~~If the first player cannot cast a word, then the player must discard one card and forfeits his/her turn to a next player positioned to his/her left. The next player repeats the same word forming sequence. This process continues until a player draws the last card from the draw pile and all cards are used up.~~ The score keeper names a winner by determining the player with the least penalty points and awards the winner merit points for winning the game. All other players receive demerit points.